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SUMMARY

Results have been obtained which show effects on rearward-facing-step base pressures of variations in step height for simulated launch-vehicle configurations where the steps were located both close to and considerably downstream of the nose-cone—cylinder junctures. The investigation was conducted over a Mach number range from 0.40 to 1.20 at an angle of attack of 0° .

The results indicated that, for a typical launch-vehicle model used to simulate the case where the step was located at a considerable distance downstream of the nose-cone—cylinder juncture, step base pressure coefficients were found to be relatively insensitive to variations in Reynolds number. Slight effects of Reynolds number were noted, however, both in the cylinder surface pressure coefficients preceding a step and in the step base pressure coefficients for a configuration simulating the case where the step was located close to the nose-cone—cylinder juncture.

For both 15° and 30° nose-cone—cylinder models, locating the step within the influence of the pressure fields associated with the nose-cone—cylinder junctures resulted in step base pressure variations with Mach number which were considerably more abrupt and about five times more severe than those for the case where the step was located several body diameters downstream of the juncture.

Generally, the variation of step base pressure coefficient with variation in step height was relatively gradual for all configurations.

Significant effects of transition-strip location were noted for a 30° nose-cone—cylinder configuration which served to emphasize the need for careful application of such strips in order to obtain accurate measurements of the local distributed loads for scaled launch-vehicle models.

INTRODUCTION

The use of shallow, rearward-facing steps is occasionally required in the development of launch vehicles. Inasmuch as the steps generally occur over regions of the vehicle where internal compartments must be vented to the

external stream, they are often considered for use as vents, and it therefore becomes a matter of practical importance to determine the base pressures associated with these steps.

Considerable theoretical and experimental effort has been directed to the problem of determining base pressures and the various factors influencing base pressures. (See, for example, refs. 1 to 4.) In the application of these results to the problem of step base pressures, the investigations pertaining to sting-support interference effects are most important since the combination of a model afterbody and a support sting forms a rearward-facing step. Two factors, however, often preclude a direct application of the sting-interference results. First, for most sting-interference investigations, the ratios of sting diameter to base diameter are significantly less than 1.0 and therefore correspond to unusually large steps. Secondly, the model base (or step) is generally not located close to variations in local geometry such as nose-cone—cylinder or flare-cylinder junctures, whereas this is often the case on launch vehicles. Consequently, on launch vehicles, step base pressures may be considerably influenced by nonuniform flow and viscous effects.

The present investigation was undertaken to determine the effects on step base pressures of variations in step height for configurations where the steps were located both within and outside of the influence of nose-cone—cylinder junctures. To simulate the step located within the influence of the juncture, nose-cone—cylinder models were employed which had cylinder fineness ratios (upstream of the step) of 1.0 and 0.5. Nose-cone half-angles of 15° and 30° were used with these configurations. The case of the step removed from juncture influence was simulated by using an existing launch-vehicle model. For this configuration, the cylinder fineness ratio upstream of the step was 7.0.

The investigation was conducted in the Langley 8-foot transonic pressure tunnel over a Mach number range from 0.40 to 1.20 at an angle of attack of 0°. The Reynolds number per foot was generally held constant at 4.0×10^6 ; however, for selected configurations additional tests were conducted at a Reynolds number per foot of 2.0×10^6 .

SYMBOLS

Coefficients and symbols used in this paper are defined as follows:

$$c_p$$
 local pressure coefficient, $\frac{p_l - p_{\infty}}{q_{\infty}}$

$$c_{p,b}$$
 step base pressure coefficient, $\frac{p_b - p_{\infty}}{q_{\infty}}$

- d diameter of body following step, in.
- D diameter of body ahead of step, in.

- longitudinal distance from nose-cone—cylinder juncture to step, in.
- M Mach number
- pb static pressure at step base, lb/sq ft
- p, local static pressure, lb/sq ft
- p free-stream static pressure, lb/sq ft
- q free-stream dynamic pressure, lb/sq ft
- R_{ft} Reynolds number per foot
- R₁ Reynolds number based on model length
- x longitudinal distance, measured from nose-cone—cylinder juncture, in.
- δ_{N} nose-cone half-angle, deg
- ϕ base orifice orientation angle, measured clockwise from the vertical as viewed from the rear, deg

Subscript:

sonic corresponding to a local Mach number of 1.0

APPARATUS AND TESTS

Models

Details and design dimensions of the model configurations employed in the present investigation are shown in figure 1. For all configurations, the ratio of the diameter following the step to the diameter ahead of the step was varied by using wooden sleeves which were clamped about the usual model-support sting and which extended rearward from the step base. The fineness ratio of the sleeve following the step varied slightly with configuration; however, based upon the results of reference 3, the sleeves were always of sufficient length to eliminate any interference effects on base pressures caused by the sting flare.

The configuration illustrated in figure 1(a) consisted of a typical launch-vehicle model in combination with several sting sleeves. These models were utilized to represent the case where the step is located at a considerable distance downstream of a juncture. For these configurations, six orifices were located on the model base at roll angles (measured clockwise from the vertical as viewed from the rear) of 0°, 45°, 90°, 135°, 180°, and 270°. (See fig. 1(a).)

The nose-cone—cylinder configurations described in the following section were designed to simulate cases where the steps were located close to, and slightly downstream of, a nose-cone—cylinder juncture and were therefore immersed in the nonuniform flow field associated with the nose-cone—cylinder juncture.

Model configurations shown in figure l(b) utilized a 15^{0} half-angle pointed nose cone in combination with a cylinder having a fineness ratio of 1.0 and several of the wooden sleeves. For these configurations four pressure orifices were installed in the step base at 90^{0} circumferential intervals. In addition, a single orifice row was installed along the surface of the cylinder preceding the step at the locations given in the figure.

The configurations shown in figure 1(c) consisted of a 30° half-angle pointed nose cone in combination with a cylinder having a fineness ratio of 1.0 and selected wooden sleeves. Orifice locations along the cylinder surface and at the step base were identical to those for the previously described 15° half-angle nose-cone configurations which are tabulated in figure 1(b).

In addition to the configurations previously noted, the 15° and 30° half-angle nose cones were tested in combination with a cylinder having a fineness ratio of 0.5 and the wooden sleeve which resulted in the shallowest step (d/D=0.952). Four step base orifices were installed at 90° circumferential intervals, and orifices were installed on the cylinder surface ahead of the step at the locations indicated in figure 1(d).

A summary of the configurations investigated is presented as table I.

Tests and Procedure

The investigation was conducted through a Mach number range extending from 0.40 to 1.20 at an angle of attack of 0° . All configurations were investigated at a Reynolds number per foot of 4.0 \times 10⁶ and at Mach numbers from 0.60 to 1.20. Because of tunnel limitations, the Reynolds number per foot at a Mach number of 0.40 was limited to 3.6 \times 10⁶. In addition, selected configurations were investigated at a Reynolds number per foot of 2.0 \times 10⁶.

In an effort to minimize any effects of wind-tunnel-wall disturbances or free-stream local Mach number variations, all configurations were investigated with the step at the same location relative to the tunnel.

Transition strips, composed of No. 60 carborundum grains set in a plastic adhesive, were applied to all configurations to insure turbulent flow. For the typical launch-vehicle model, the strips were added immediately behind the nose-cone—cylinder juncture. For the cone-cylinder models, the strips were positioned $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches rearward of the nose-cone apex measured along the slant surface. For selected cone-cylinder models (configurations 125, 224, 225, and 234), additional tests were made with a second transition strip located with the leading edge at the nose-cone—cylinder juncture.

Local and step base pressures on the models were measured by means of a multiple-tube manometer board and were photographically recorded.

Accuracy

A consideration of factors affecting the accuracy of the results indicates that for the investigations conducted at the higher Reynolds numbers the measured pressure coefficients are generally accurate within the following limits:

Mach number	$\mathtt{c}_{\mathtt{p}}$
0.4	±0.010
.8	±.008
1.2	±. 006

For the typical launch-vehicle configurations, the step base pressure data are subject to error resulting from boundary-reflected disturbances which occur at Mach numbers from 1.03 to approximately 1.16. No attempt has been made to estimate the magnitude of the errors or to adjust the measured results for boundary interference. Figure 2 gives the present results (configuration 111) and those of reference 3 for a similar configuration. In both sets of data, sizable effects of boundary disturbances are indicated by the erratic variations in step base pressure coefficient at low supersonic speeds. It should be noted that the fairing of the present results at Mach numbers between 1.025 and 1.10 (shown dashed) is based upon the results obtained at a Mach number of 1.05 for configuration 113 (see table II(d)).

Estimates have indicated that, because of the foreshortened length to the step, results for the cone-cylinder configurations of the present investigation are free of boundary-interference effects for all Mach numbers at which data were recorded.

It should also be noted here that in some instances (notably, the results for the 30° cone-cylinder configurations at Mach numbers from about 0.60 to 0.90), wide variations exist between the individual step base pressure coefficients for a given configuration and the corresponding local pressure coefficients ahead of the step for successive runs of similar configurations. These variations and their causes are discussed in a following section.

PRESENTATION OF RESULTS

Results of the investigation are presented in the form of pressure coefficients (based on free-stream dynamic pressure) in tables II to IV. Inasmuch as the same model configuration was, in some cases, investigated at various Reynolds numbers or with differing transition strips, care should be exercised in selecting results from the tables for a particular configuration. The following is a list of figures in which selected results from these tables have been plotted for comparison:

	Figure
Effect of Reynolds number on average step base pressure coeffi-	
cients for typical launch-vehicle models	3
Effect of step height on average step base pressure coefficients	
for typical launch-vehicle model. $R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10^6 \dots \dots \dots$	4
Effect of transition-strip arrangement on surface pressure coef-	
ficients for cone-cylinder model. $\delta_N = 30^{\circ}$; $d/D = 1.0$;	
$R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10^6 \dots$	5
Effect of transition-strip arrangement on surface pressure coef-	
ficients for cone-cylinder model. $\delta_N = 15^{\circ}$; $d/D = 1.0$;	
$R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10^6 \dots \dots$	6
Schlieren photographs	7
Effect of Reynolds number on surface and average step base pressure	•
coefficients for cone-cylinder model. $\delta_N = 15^{\circ}$; d/D = 0.952;	
$l/D = 1.0 \dots \dots$	8
Effect of step height on surface and average step base pressure	
coefficients for cone-cylinder model. $\delta_N = 15^{\circ}$; $l/D = 1.0$;	
$R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10^6 \dots \dots$	9
Effect of step location on surface and average step base pres-	
sure coefficients for cone-cylinder model. $d/D = 0.952$;	
$R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10^6$	10
Variation with Mach number of average step base pressure coeffi-	
cients for several configurations. $d/D = 0.952$: Ret = 4.0 x 106	11

DISCUSSION

Launch-Vehicle Model

Effect of Reynolds number. The effects of a variation in Reynolds number on the average step base pressure coefficients for the typical launch-vehicle model are illustrated in figure 3. For both step heights presented, the results show essentially no effect at subsonic speeds of varying the Reynolds number per foot from 2.0 × 10⁶ to 4.0 × 10⁶ (or, from 6.93 × 10⁶ to 13.86 × 10⁶ based on body length). At Mach numbers from about 0.95 to 1.20, slight differences between the results obtained at the two Reynolds numbers are noted; however, no significance is attached to the variations in that they appear somewhat random in nature and are of a magnitude generally exceeded by the possible error of measurement. Furthermore, the results of reference 1 indicate that little effect of Reynolds number is to be expected at supersonic speeds for the condition where the boundary layer is turbulent ahead of the base for relatively high fineness ratio configurations.

Effect of step height. The effects of a variation in base step height for the typical launch-vehicle model are shown for several Mach numbers in figure 4. These results are for a Reynolds number per foot of 4.0×10^6 ($R_1 = 13.86 \times 10^6$) and are compared with the sting interference results for the cylindrical-afterbody model of reference 3 ($R_1 = 8.0 \times 10^6$). The flagged

symbols shown in figure 4 at a diameter ratio d/D of 0.44 represent results obtained from earlier unpublished tests and are for the sting alone as shown in the top sketch of figure 1(a). In general, excellent agreement is noted except for the Mach number range from 1.00 to 1.10. The discrepancy at a Mach number of 1.00 may be a result of small differences in Mach number between the two investigations since sizable changes in step base pressure occur with slight variations in Mach number near a Mach number of 1. At the higher Mach numbers (M = 1.025) and M = 1.10, the results for both investigations are undoubtedly affected by boundary-interference effects. (See fig. 2.)

For most Mach numbers, the variation of step base pressure coefficient with step height is seen to be relatively gradual. Increases in the step diameter ratio (decreasing step height) are accompanied by an increase in the negative value of the step base pressure coefficient to some peak value which occurs at diameter ratios ranging from 0.71 at a Mach number of 0.60 to 0.87 at a Mach number of 1.20. Thereafter, the base pressure coefficients tend toward a value of 0, which would be realized at a diameter ratio of 1.0. The greatest variations in step base pressure coefficient with diameter ratio occur at Mach numbers near 0.95, where the base pressure coefficients are close to those corresponding to a local Mach number of unity ($C_{\rm p, sonic} = -0.088$).

Nose-Cone-Cylinder Models

Effect of transition-strip arrangement. As a result of the unusual variations with Mach number noted in the local pressures both ahead of and at the step base for the 30° half-angle conical-nose configurations, brief tests were conducted to determine the effects of transition-strip arrangement. Two transition-strip arrangements were employed during this part of the investigation. The first consisted of a single band of transition particles located $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches rearward of the nose-cone apex measured along the slanted surface of the cone. The second arrangement employed an additional transition strip located with the leading edge at the nose-cone—cylinder juncture. Results for the 30° and 15° nose-cone configurations are presented in figures 5 and 6, respectively. Selected schlieren photographs are given in figure 7.

Examination of the results for the 30° nose-cone configurations (fig. 5) indicates that with the single strip located on the slanted surface of the cone, flow separation occurs immediately behind the nose-cone—cylinder juncture at Mach numbers from 0.40 to 0.90. It should also be noted that at a Mach number of 0.90, two types of flow (attached or separated rearward of the nose-cone—cylinder juncture) could be obtained depending upon the direction of tunnel airspeed approach to that Mach number during the investigation. Because of the flow separation, it was conjectured that the highly favorable pressure gradient over the nose cone resulted in a boundary layer too stable for the single transition strip to be effective; thus, the boundary layer was probably laminar at the cone-cylinder juncture.

The addition of a second transition strip located at the juncture on the 30° nose-cone configurations produced significant changes in the flow at all Mach numbers below 0.95 (fig. 5). The flow condition rearward of the juncture

was found to be extremely sensitive to the condition of the transition strip at the juncture. For the case illustrated by the schlieren photograph of figure 7(c) (M = 0.90, lower photograph) transition strips were located both on the slanted surface of the cone and at the juncture. Inspection of the juncture transition strip following the test indicated a relative scarcity of particles on the lower surface; this condition apparently caused the unsymmetrical separation noted in the figure. Unpublished results from more recent investigations of relatively high-angle nose-cone configurations indicate that the angle of attack also has a significant effect on unsymmetrical flow separation at the nose-cone—cylinder juncture. The foregoing results indicate that careful attention to the application of boundary-layer transition is required in order to obtain accurate measurements of the local distributed loads for scaled launch-vehicle models.

Results showing the effects of transition-strip arrangement for the 150 nose-cone configurations are given in figure 6. In general, slight effects are noted throughout the Mach number range except for the orifices near the juncture that are influenced by the presence of the transition strip itself.

All results presented hereafter for the 15° nose-cone configurations are for the case where a single transition strip located on the slanted surface of the nose cone was employed. Results for the 30° nose-cone configuration, however, are for the double transition-strip arrangement.

Effect of Reynolds number. - The effect of varying Reynolds number per foot from 2.0 \times 10⁶ to 4.0 \times 10⁶ is given in figure 8 for the 15^o nose-cone configuration having a cylinder fineness ratio of 1.0 and a step-to-base-diameter ratio of 0.952. The surface pressure coefficients on the cylinder preceding the step and the step base pressure coefficients (flagged data points) are both The results indicate only a slight effect with increasing Reynolds number being accompanied by a slight decrease in the negative values of both the cylinder surface and the step base pressure coefficients. The differences between the curves for the two Reynolds numbers are generally well within the total possible error of measurement; for example, at a Mach number of 0.80 a total error of 0.024 in pressure coefficient could conceivably occur. The consistency of the variations, however, suggests that a Reynolds number effect does exist and, further, an examination of the results given in reference 1 shows that a similar Reynolds number effect occurs for the bodies with a lower fineness ratio and turbulent boundary-layer flow. (See fig. 14(a) of ref. 1.) present results indicate that the slight variations in the step base pressures with Reynolds number are associated with variations in the flow upstream of the base rather than in any change in the flow condition at the base itself.

Effect of step height. Effects of a variation in step diameter ratio are given in figure 9 for the 15° nose-cone configurations with a cylinder fineness ratio of 1.0. Local pressure coefficients on the cylinder ahead of the step and step base pressure coefficients (flagged data points) are given for step diameter ratios from 0.832 to 0.952. Included for comparison are the cylinder surface pressure coefficients for a configuration having no step (d/D = 1.0).

These results show that at Mach numbers of 0.90 and less, only slight effects of step height (d/D ratio) occur in the step base pressure coefficients. The presence of the step, however, has a noticeable influence on the cylinder surface pressures ahead of the step. Increasing step height, that is, decreasing d/D ratio, causes the pressure coefficients upstream of the step to increase negatively at Mach numbers from 0.40 to 0.90. This effect is particularly evident in a comparison of results for the case of no step (d/D = 1.0) with those for the shallowest step (d/D = 0.952). At free-stream Mach numbers higher than 0.90, the local flow over the cylinder ahead of the step is completely supersonic and, as a result, little or no effect of the step is indicated in the cylinder surface pressure coefficients. However, sizable effects of step height may be noted in the step base pressure coefficients at a Mach number of 0.95, increases in step height being accompanied by decreases in the negative values of the step base pressure coefficients. These effects of step height decrease with increases in Mach number up to a Mach number of 1.20.

Effect of step location. The effects of step location relative to a nose-cone—cylinder juncture are given for a step diameter ratio of 0.952 in figure 10. Results are presented for the 15° and 30° nose-cone configurations having cylinder fineness ratios of 0.5 and 1.0 at a Reynolds number per foot of 4.0×10^6 . Also shown for comparison are results for the case of no step, designated in figure 10 as $l/D = \infty$.

As would be expected, the step base pressure coefficients are greatly affected by the local flow conditions on the cylinder in the vicinity of the step. These local effects are most noticeably illustrated for both nose-cone angles in the results presented in figure 10 for Mach numbers from 0.95 to 1.20. The strong dependence of the step base pressures on the cylinder surface pressures requires that, for cases where the step base is considered for use in vehicle venting, careful attention be directed to the variation of the step base pressure coefficient with Mach number. In particular, the formation and rearward movement of the normal deceleration shock wave associated with the expansion at the nose-cone-cylinder juncture can cause severe fluctuations in the pressures at the step base at high subsonic speeds. These effects are illustrated in figure 11 where the average step base pressure coefficients are plotted as a function of Mach number for the 15° and 30° cone-cylinder configurations having cylinder fineness ratios of 1.0 and 0.5. Also included for comparison are the base pressure coefficients for the typical launch-vehicle model and the variation with Mach number of Cp, sonic, the pressure coefficient corresponding to a local Mach number of 1.0. The step diameter ratio for all configurations is 0.952.

For the cone-cylinder configurations, where the step base falls within the influence of the nose-cone—cylinder juncture, several effects are noted. First, the subsonic level of the base pressure coefficient is increased negatively as the cylinder fineness ratio is decreased. This results from moving the step upstream into the low pressure region associated with the nose-cone-cylinder juncture. Secondly, the sudden negative increase in the step base pressure coefficients with increasing Mach number is generally preceded by an abrupt positive increase as a result of the rearward movement over the step location of the previously mentioned deceleration wave. As would be expected,

the initial positive increase in step base pressure coefficient occurs at lower free-stream Mach numbers as the distance from the juncture to the step is decreased. (See fig. 11.) It is also of interest to note that when the step is located in the pressure field of the nose-cone—cylinder juncture, the negative shift in step base pressure coefficient near sonic speeds is noticeably more abrupt and is greatly increased compared with that for the typical launch-vehicle base step. For example, for the 15° nose-cone configuration having a fineness ratio of 0.5 (fig. 11), the step base pressure coefficient varies from about -0.14 at a Mach number of 0.85 to about -0.80 at a Mach number of 0.95 or by an increment roughly five times that associated with the launch-vehicle configuration. Examination of results presented for the 30° half-angle nose-cone configurations in figure 11 indicates that as the nose angle is increased, the severity of the pressure variations increases somewhat.

These severe and abrupt variations in pressure coefficient, considered in the light of typical Mach number and dynamic-pressure time variations for actual flight, suggest that significant venting problems may occur with the use of step base venting, where the bases are located within rapidly varying pressure fields.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

An investigation conducted at transonic speeds to determine the effects of step height and location on rearward-facing-step base pressures has indicated the following results:

For a typical launch-vehicle model used to simulate the case where the step was located at a considerable distance downstream of the nose-cone—cylinder juncture, step base pressure coefficients were found to be relatively insensitive to variations in Reynolds number. Slight effects of Reynolds number were noted, however, both in the cylinder surface pressures preceding a step and in the step base pressure coefficients for a configuration simulating the case where the step was located close to a nose-cone—cylinder juncture.

For both 15° and 30° nose-cone—cylinder models, locating the step within the influence of the pressure fields associated with the nose-cone—cylinder junctures resulted in step base pressure variations with Mach number which were considerably more abrupt and about five times more severe than those for the case where the step was located several body diameters downstream of the juncture.

In general, the variation of step base pressure coefficient with variation in step height was relatively gradual for all configurations.

Significant effects of transition-strip location were noted for a 30° nose-cone—cylinder configuration which served to emphasize the need for careful

application of such strips in order to obtain accurate measurements of the local distributed loads for scaled launch-vehicle models.

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TABLE I.- SUMMARY OF CONFIGURATION CHARACTERISTICS

Nose half- angle, deg	i iineness		Configuration designation							
	Typical laun	ch vehic	.e							
	0.713 111 832 112 910 113 952 114									
	Cone-cylinder c	onfigurat	ion							
15.0 15.0 15.0 15.0 30.0 30.0 15.0 30.0	1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0 1.0	0.832 .910 .952 1.0 .952 1.0 .952 .952	122 123 124 125 224 225 134 234							

TABLE II.- STEP BASE PRESSURE COEFFICIENTS FOR LAUNCH-VEHICLE MODELS

(a) Configuration 111; d/D = 0.713; $R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10^6$

Mach		C _{p,b} for orifice at Ø of -							
number	00	450	90°	135 ⁰	180°	270°	C _{p,b}		
0.40 .60 .80 .90 .95 1.00 1.025	-0.132 122 120 139 133 233 268 258	-0.132 119 120 142 133 233 270 258	-0.132 119 120 142 133 233 270 258	-0.132 119 120 139 133 233 268 258	-0.132 119 120 142 133 233 268 258	-0.132 119 120 142 133 235 270	-0.132 120 120 141 133 233 269 257		
1.20	220	220	 220	220	218	218	 219		

(b) Configuration 112; d/D = 0.832; $R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10^6$

Mach		$c_{p,b}$ for orifice at \emptyset of -							
number	00	45°	90°	135 ⁰	180°	270°	C _{p,b}		
0.40 .60 .80 .90 .95 1.00 1.025 1.10	-0.119115121100161251291273235	-0.119 118 123 102 161 251 291 273 235	-0.119115121100159249289271233	-0.119 118 123 102 161 251 291 273 235	-0.119118123102161251292273235	-0.119 115 123 102 161 251 291 273 235	-0.119 116 122 101 161 251 291 273 235		

TABLE II. - STEP BASE PRESSURE COEFFICIENTS FOR LAUNCH-VEHICLE MODELS - Continued

(c) Configuration 112; d/D = 0.832; $R_{ft} = 2.0 \times 10^6$

Mach		$c_{\mathrm{p,b}}$ for orifice at ϕ of -							
number	00	45°	90°	1350	1800	270°	C _{p,b}		
0.40 .60 .80 1.00 1.20	-0.107 114 120 190 250	-0.107 114 124 190 250	-0.107 114 124 190 250	-0.107 114 124 190 254	-0.107 114 124 190 250	-0.107 114 124 190 254	-0.107 114 123 190 251		

(d) Configuration 113; d/D = 0.910; $R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10^6$

Mach		Average					
number	00	45°	90°	135°	180°	270°	C _{p,b}
0.40 .60 .80 .90 .95	-0.107 113 112 135 197 265	-0.107 113 114 137 197 265	-0.107 110 112 133 199 263	-0.107 110 109 133 193 261	-0.107 113 109 133 195 261	-0.107 110 109 133 195 261	-0.107 111 134 196 263
1.025 1.05 1.10 1.20	292 225 261 239	291 227 263 239	289 223 260 237	287 223 258 235	289 223 260 237	287 221 260 237	289 224 260 237

TABLE II.- STEP BASE PRESSURE COEFFICIENTS FOR LAUNCH-VEHICLE MODELS - Concluded

(e) Configuration 114; d/D = 0.952; $R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10^6$

Mach		C _{p,b} for orifice at Ø of -								
number	00	45°	90°	135°	180°	270°	С _{р, Ъ}			
0.40 .60 .80 .90 .95 1.00 1.025 1.10	-0.092 098 095 110 106 206 242 239 217	-0.096 095 099 115 111 212 246 242 220	-0.092 095 095 113 109 208 242 240 218	-0.092 095 099 113 109 210 244 240 218	-0.092 095 097 113 109 210 244 240 218	-0.092 092 092 108 104 204 238 237 217	-0.093 095 096 112 108 208 243 240 218			

(f) Configuration 114; d/D = 0.952; $R_{ft} = 2.0 \times 10^6$

Mach		$c_{ m p,b}$ for orifice at ϕ of -								
number	00	45°	90°	135 ⁰	180°	2 70⁰	^C p,b			
0.40 .60 .80 .90 .95 1.00 1.10	-0.099 093 097 113 127 204 231 206	-0.099 096 102 120 131 200 235 210	-0.099 093 097 115 129 202 229 206	-0.099 093 100 118 129 202 229 206	-0.099 090 097 115 129 202 229 206	-0.099 090 095 113 125 192 227 202	-0.099 092 098 116 128 200 230 206			

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TABLE III.- STEP BASE PRESSURE COEFFICIENTS FOR CONE-CYLINDER MODELS

(a) Configuration 122; $\delta_N = 15^\circ$; l/D = 1.0; d/D = 0.832; $R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10^6$; single transition strip

Mach	C _{p,b}	Average			
number	00	90°	180°	2700	C _{p,b}
0.40 .60 .80 .90 .95 1.00 1.025 1.10	-0.181 180 194 132 279 465 429 404 361	-0.181 180 194 132 277 465 427 402 361	-0.176 177 192 130 275 463 425 400 357	-0.181 180 194 132 279 467 429 404 361	-0.180 179 194 132 278 465 428 403 360

(b) Configuration 123; $\delta_{\rm N}$ = 15°; l/D = 1.0; d/D = 0.910; $R_{\rm ft}$ = 4.0 \times 106; single transition strip

Mach	C _{p,b}	$C_{p,b}$ for orifice at \emptyset of -					
number	00	90°	180°	270 ⁰	^C p, b		
0.40 .60 .80 .85 .90 .95 1.00 1.025 1.10	-0.180 177 199 194 120 337 505 468 435 386	-0.180 177 199 192 120 335 501 466 433 385	-0.180 177 197 192 118 333 501 466 433 383	-0.180 180 199 194 118 335 503 468 435 386	-0.180 178 199 193 119 335 503 467 434 385		

TABLE III. - STEP BASE PRESSURE COEFFICIENTS FOR CONE-CYLINDER MODELS - Continued

(c) Configuration 124; δ_N = 15°; l/D = 1.0; d/D = 0.952; R_{ft} = 4.0 × 106; single transition strip

Mach	C _{p,b}	Average			
number	00	90°	180°	270°	Cp, b
0.40 .60 .80 .85 .90 .95 1.00 1.025 1.10	-0.166 166 176 094 474 521 480 448 390	-0.166 166 178 096 474 521 480 446 388	-0.166166182181096476523480446390	-0.162 160 178 172 090 464 515 474 443	-0.165 165 180 177 094 472 520 479 446 388

(d) Configuration 124; δ_N = 15°; l/D = 1.0; d/D = 0.952; R_{ft} = 2.0 × 106; single transition strip

Mach	C _{p,b}	for orifi	ce at Ø	of -	Average
number	00	90°	180°	270°	Cp, b
0.40 .60 .80 1.00 1.20	-0.169 170 178 532 390	-0.178 170 182 532 390	-0.178 175 187 532 390	-0.169 170 178 520 382	-0.17 ⁴ 171 181 529 388

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TABLE III. - STEP BASE PRESSURE COEFFICIENTS FOR CONE-CYLINDER MODELS - Continued

(e) Configuration 132; $\delta_N = 15^\circ$; l/D = 0.5; d/D = 0.952; $R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10^6$; single transition strip

Mach	C _{p,b}	for orifi	ce at Ø	of -	Average
number	00	90°	180°	270 ⁰	C _{p,b}
0.40 .60 .80 .85 .90 .95 1.00 1.025 1.10	-0.211 183 225 135 253 796 709 661 581 490	-0.207 180 225 137 255 794 709 659 579 488	-0.207 180 223 135 248 794 707 659 579 488	-0.211 180 225 133 246 794 709 659 579 488	-0.209 181 225 135 251 795 709 660 579 489

(f) Configuration 224; $\delta_N = 30^\circ$; l/D = 1.0; d/D = 0.952; $R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10^6$; double transition strips

Mach	C _{p,b}	for orifi	ce at Ø	of -	Average
number	00	90°	180°	270°	C _{p,b}
0.40 .60 .70 .80 .85 .90 .95 1.00 1.025 1.10	-0.174 147 105 125 188 069 488 572 528 490 436	-0.174 144 105 118 188 056 502 568 524 485 430	-0.170 153 105 121 184 077 479 572 528 489 434	-0.170 150 105 123 184 073 475 564 520 483 428	-0.172 149 105 122 186 069 486 569 525 487

TABLE III. - STEP BASE PRESSURE COEFFICIENTS FOR CONE-CYLINDER MODELS - Concluded

(g) Configuration 234; $\delta_{\rm N}$ = 30°; l/D = 0.5; d/D = 0.952; $R_{\rm ft}$ = 4.0 \times 10⁶; double transition strips

Mach	C _{p,b}	for orifi	ce at Ø	of -	Average
number	00	90°	180°	270 ⁰	C _{p,b}
0.40 .60 .70 .80 .85 .90 .95 1.00 1.025 1.10	-0.247 205 241 407 461 465 944 837 781 690 576	-0.247 208 241 398 442 448 950 833 775 686 572	-0.247 208 244 410 468 439 940 833 777 688 572	-0.247 205 244 421 470 465 944 839 783 692 576	-0.247 207 243 460 454 945 836 779 689

TABLE IV.- SURFACE PRESSURE COEFFICIENTS FOR CONE-CYLINDER MODELS

(a) Configuration 122; δ_N = 15°; l/D = 1.0; d/D = 0.832; R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10⁶; single transition strip

Mach		C _p for orifice at x/D of -								
number	0.029	0.181	0.342	0.503	0.665	0.819	0.958			
0.40 .60 .80 .90 .95 1.00 1.025 1.10 1.20	-0.529 591 -1.287 974 839 721 666 533 388	-0.207 217 380 846 733 625 573 458 332	-0.137 139 100 699 610 513 464 369 264	-0.110 110 088 573 521 435 387 308 220	-0.101 099 093 152 442 367 320 260 183	-0.106 104 102 038 372 305 261 213 154	-0.150 148 157 081 320 293 249 202 143			

(b) Configuration 123; $\delta_N = 15^\circ$; l/D = 1.0; d/D = 0.910; $R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10^6$; single transition strip

Mach	Cp for orifice at x/D of -								
number	0.029	0.181	0.342	0.503	0.665	0.819	0.958		
0.40 .60 .80 .85 .90 .95 1.00 1.025 1.10	-0.526 587 -1.285 -1.115 968 841 713 664 519 388	-0.202 212 373 943 840 733 619 571 447 332	-0.132 134 100 212 694 613 509 462 359 264	-0.105 105 083 038 568 524 427 385 302 220	-0.092 093 086 040 137 443 359 318 253 183	-0.096 096 095 068 028 373 299 261 209 152	-0.145 142 153 141 071 337 287 249 198 143		

TABLE IV. - SURFACE PRESSURE COEFFICIENTS FOR CONE-CYLINDER MODELS - Continued

(c) Configuration 124; δ_N = 15°; l/D = 1.0; d/D = 0.952; R_{ft} = 4.0 × 106; single transition strip

Mach	C _p for orifice at x/D of -								
number	0.029	0.181	0.342	0.503	0.665	0.819	0.958		
0.40 .60 .80 .85 .90 .95 1.00 1.025 1.10	-0.533 590 -1.279 -1.108 966 833 725 670 536 390	-0.192 206 356 934 833 724 625 571 458 330	-0.127 131 095 227 695 608 519 468 374 266	-0.096 099 079 035 557 520 439 391 314 222	-0.087 084 074 029 117 439 369 324 264 183	-0.083 081 079 053 015 369 305 263 216 152	-0.127 125 134 123 049 355 297 253 209 145		

(d) Configuration 124; $\delta_N = 15^\circ$; l/D = 1.0; d/D = 0.952; $R_{ft} = 2.0 \times 10^6$; single transition strip

Mach	$c_{ m p}$ for orifice at $ m x/D$ of -							
number	0.029	0.181	0.342	0.503	0.665	0.819	0.958	
0.40 .60 .80 1.00 1.20	-0.534 713 -1.280 726 379	-0.203 222 383 641 331	-0.136 140 126 536 272	-0.110 105 089 448 221	-0.093 094 079 379 184	-0.093 088 084 315 151	-0.136 135 140 306 147	

TABLE IV.- SURFACE PRESSURE COEFFICIENTS FOR

CONE-CYLINDER MODELS - Continued

(e) Configuration 125; δ_N = 15°; $l/D = \infty$; d/D = 1.0; $R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10^6$; single transition strip

Mach		$\mathtt{C}_{\mathtt{p}}$ for orifice at \mathtt{x}/\mathtt{D} of -								
number	0.029	0.181	0.342	0.503	0.665	0.819	0.958			
0.40 .60 .85 .90 .95 1.00 1.025 1.10	-0.514 566 -1.282 -1.117 970 841 723 666 533 391	-0.190 190 354 949 814 710 604 551 437 312	-0.116 107 081 178 694 615 516 464 372 266	-0.088 072 060 015 353 528 440 395 314 224	-0.065 052 049 011 041 447 369 324 262 187	-0.051 038 037 018 .034 377 307 265 218 152	-0.046 032 035 022 .041 325 267 229 193 141			

(f) Configuration 125; δ_N = 15°; l/D = ∞ ; d/D = 1.0; R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10⁶; double transition strips

Mach	$\mathtt{C}_\mathtt{p}$ for orifice at $\mathtt{x/D}$ of -								
number	0.029	0.181	0.342	0.503	0.665	0.819	0.958		
0.40 .60 .80 .85 .90 .95 1.00 1.025 1.10	-0.556 694 -1.213 -1.057 915 787 671 615 486 350	-0.190 202 419 921 848 739 631 575 461	-0.111 110 134 214 694 609 513 462 367 264	-0.079 078 076 064 376 526 441 391 314 224	-0.056 055 056 026 071 445 371 324 262 189	-0.046 040 044 024 .011 375 311 265 218 158	-0.042 038 039 029 .028 329 279 237 197 144		

TABLE IV. - SURFACE PRESSURE COEFFICIENTS FOR CONE-CYLINDER MODELS - Continued

(g) Configuration 134; $\delta_{\rm N}$ = 15°; l/D = 0.5; d/D = 0.952; $R_{\rm ft}$ = 4.0 × 10⁶; single transition strip

Mach	$C_{ m p}$ for orifice at $ m x/D$ of -							
number	0.032	0.181	0.345	0.461				
0.40 .60 .80 .85 .90 .95 1.00 1.025 1.10	-0.520 577 -1.285 -1.118 968 827 713 659 524 382	-0.207 220 397 953 842 724 621 570 453 328	-0.154 159 118 251 696 604 511 463 369 266	-0.172 177 162 115 462 534 447 402 319 229				

(h) Configuration 224; $\delta_{\rm N}$ = 30°; l/D = 1.0; d/D = 0.952; $R_{\rm ft}$ = 4.0 × 106; double transition strips

Mach		C _p for orifice at x/D of -								
number	0.029	0.181	0.342	0.503	0.665	0.819	0.958			
0.40 .60 .70 .80 .85 .90 .95 1.00 1.025 1.10	-1.326 -1.133 900 796 916 -1.234 -1.070 -1.074 -1.014 860 682	-0.374 697 769 758 -1.210 -1.056 928 870 734 586	-0.187 317 544 652 665 -1.026 888 773 717 603 478	-0.130 156 308 513 554 820 736 643 591 496 390	-0.113 095 158 362 439 373 614 526 478 398 313	-0.104 084 090 225 322 191 498 430 385 322 252	-0.135 112 078 137 224 086 446 384 340 280 217			

TABLE IV.- SURFACE PRESSURE COEFFICIENTS FOR CONE-CYLINDER MODEL - Continued

(i) Configuration 225; $\delta_{\rm N}$ = 30°; l/D = 1.0; d/D = 1.0; $R_{\rm ft}$ = 4.0 × 106; single transition strip

Mach	$\mathtt{C}_{\mathtt{p}}$ for orifice at $\mathtt{x/D}$ of -							
number	0.029	0.181	0.342	0.503	0.665	0.819	0.958	
0.40 .60 .80 .85 .90 *.90 .95 1.00 1.025 1.10	-0.769 620 521 526 561 -1.370 -1.213 -1.076 -1.010 856 692	-0.773 643 528 533 563 -1.221 -1.079 950 887 747 604	-0.403 632 542 544 572 -1.015 894 779 721 603 483	-0.093 461 551 555 580 850 749 645 591 490 394	-0.037 180 523 546 567 469 621 528 478 397 317	-0.028 049 447 504 529 152 511 430 383 316 257	-0.028 .006 350 443 480 028 439 365 325 266 217	

^{*}Mach number decreasing.

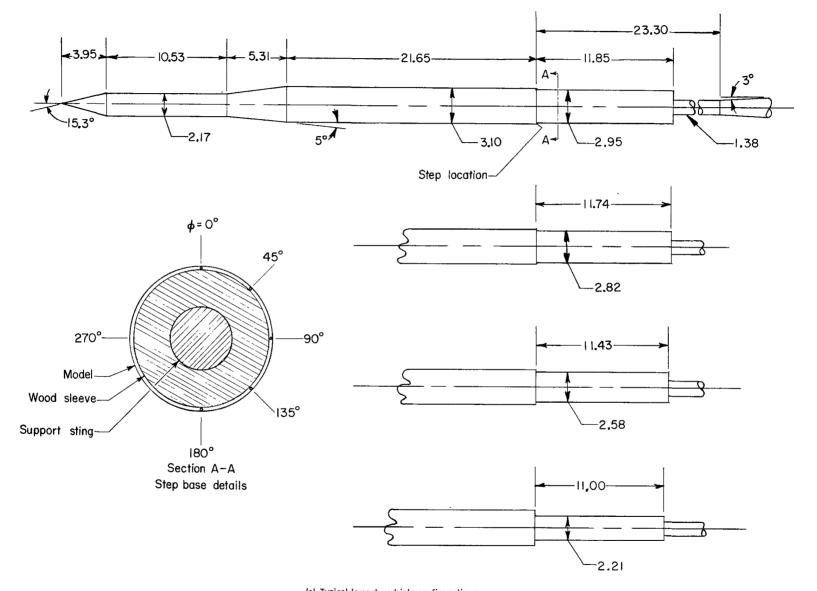
(j) Configuration 225; $\delta_{\rm N}=30^{\rm o}$; l/D=1.0; d/D=1.0; $R_{\rm ft}=4.0\times10^{\rm 6}$; double transition strips

Mach	C _p for orifice at x/D of -							
number	0.029	0.181	0.342	0.503	0.665	0.819	0.958	
0.40 .60 .80 .85 .90 .95 1.00 1.025 1.10	-1.310 -1.110 810 -1.073 -1.389 -1.227 -1.092 -1.030 872 697	-0.352 701 752 779 -1.212 -1.072 946 887 746 591	-0.162 304 653 669 -1.011 895 783 725 606 473	-0.106 139 505 539 835 752 653 597 495 387	-0.074 084 347 408 340 624 534 486 402 312	-0.056 061 208 289 154 514 436 389 321 248	-0.046 052 116 194 032 442 376 330 273	

TABLE IV. - SURFACE PRESSURE COEFFICIENTS FOR CONE-CYLINDER MODELS - Concluded

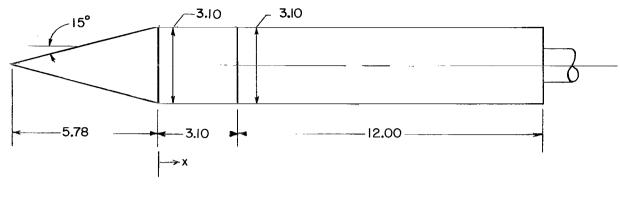
(k) Configuration 234; $\delta_N = 30^\circ$; l/D = 0.5; d/D = 0.952; $R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10^6$; double transition strips

Mach	Cp for orifice at x/D of -					
number	0.032	0.181	0.345	0.461		
0.40 .60 .70 .80 .85 .90 .95 1.00 1.025 1.10	-1.251 -1.205 -1.123 -1.016 976 -1.437 -1.303 -1.070 -1.002 849 673	-0.377 650 781 775 740 -1.111 -1.064 950 885 745 583	-0.216 263 462 616 638 689 894 779 719 598 462	-0.216 194 284 484 547 518 786 671 617 506 387		

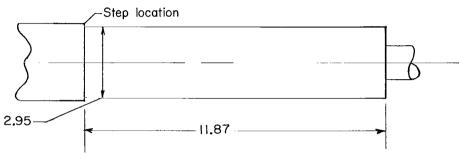


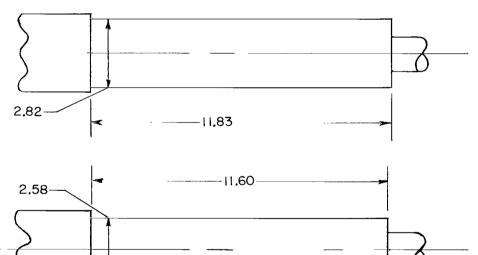
(a) Typical launch-vehicle configurations.

Figure 1.- Model configurations. All dimensions are in inches unless otherwise noted.



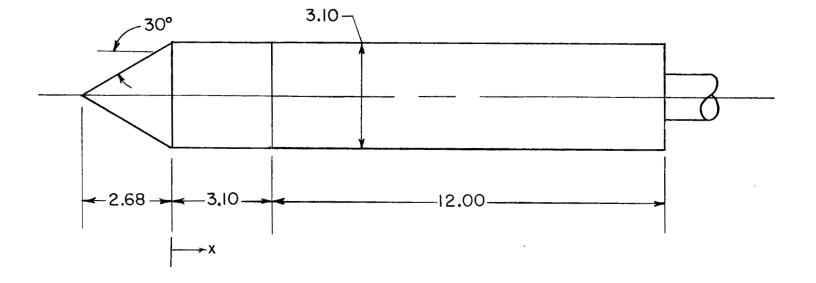
Orifice locations				
x, in.	x/D			
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1.56	.503			
2.06	.665			
2.54	.819			
2.97	.958			

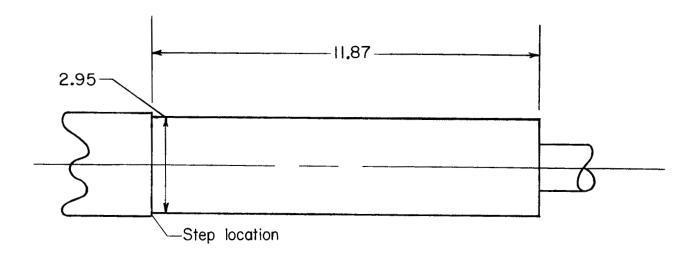




(b) Nose-cone—cylinder configurations. Fineness ratio = 1.0; $\delta_{\mbox{\scriptsize N}}$ = 15°.

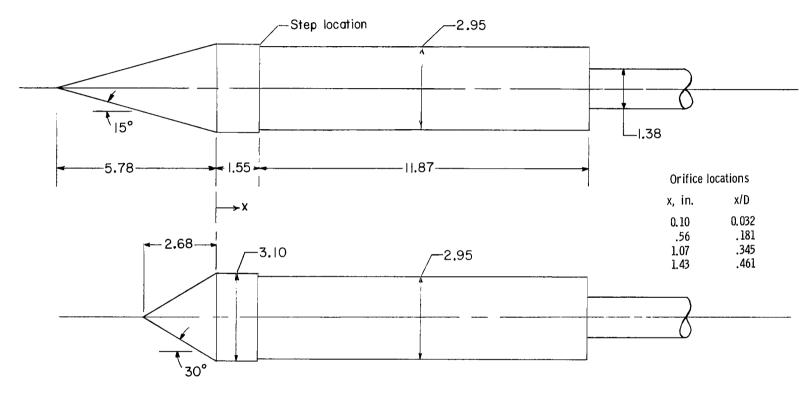
Figure 1.- Continued.





(c) Nose-cone—cylinder configurations. Fineness ratio = 1.0; $\delta_{\hbox{\scriptsize N}}$ = 30°.

Figure 1.- Continued.



(d) Nose-cone—cylinder configurations. Fineness ratio = 0.5.

Figure 1.- Concluded.

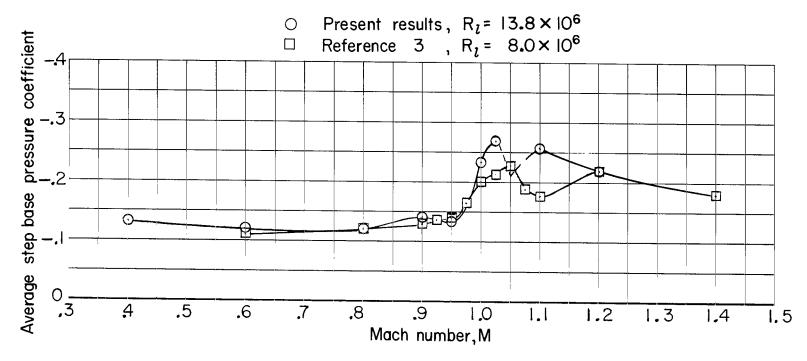


Figure 2. Variation of average step base pressure coefficient with Mach number for launch-vehicle models. d/D = 0.713.

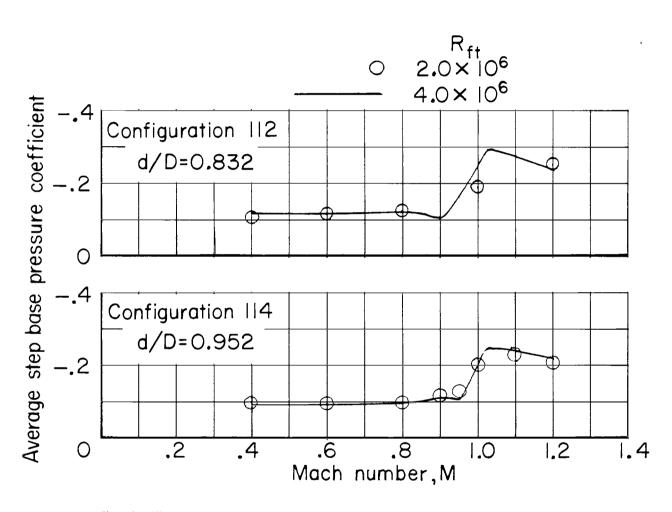


Figure 3.- Effect of Reynolds number on average step base pressure coefficients for typical launch-vehicle models.

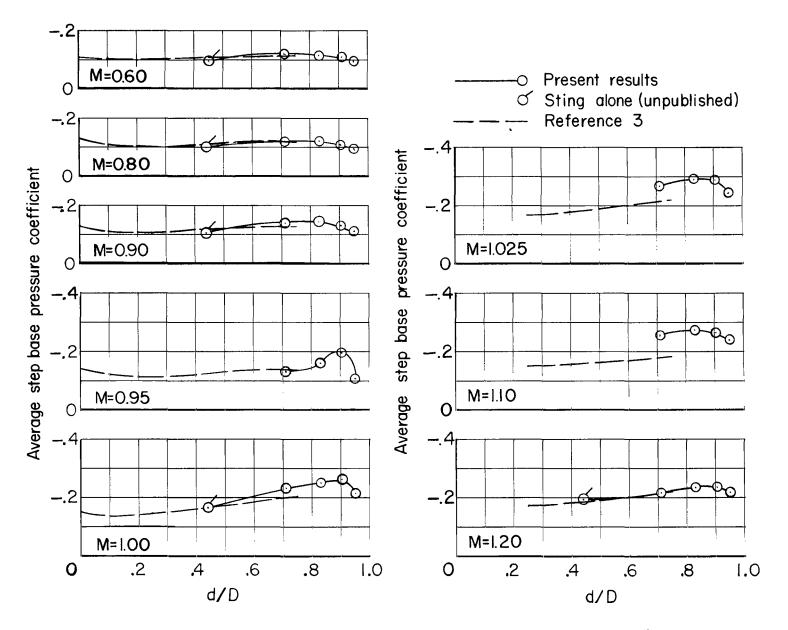


Figure 4.- Effect of step height on average step base pressure coefficients for typical launch-vehicle model. $R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10^6$.

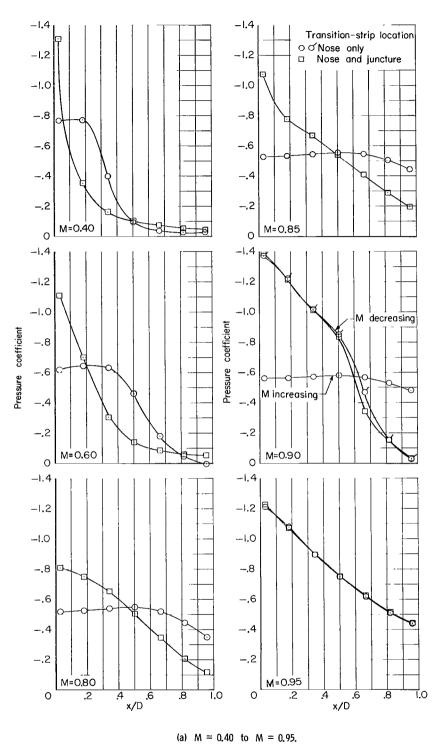
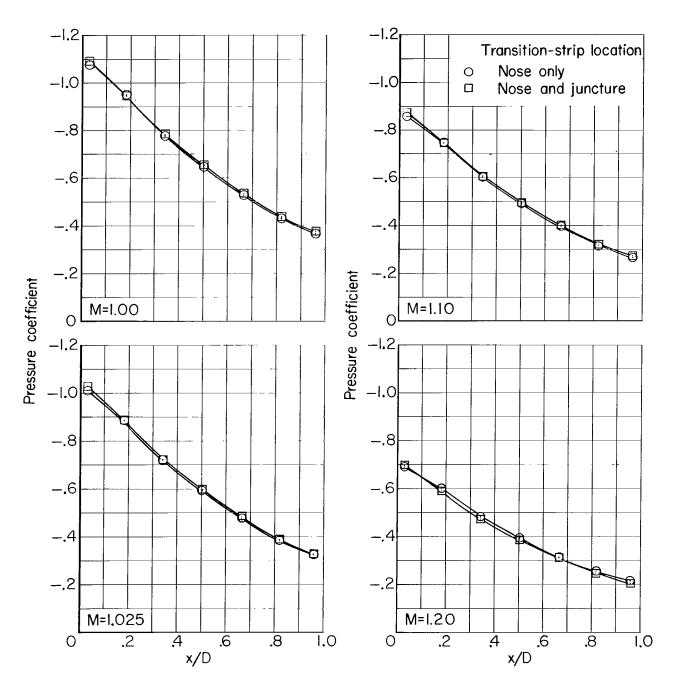


Figure 5.- Effect of transition-strip arrangement on surface pressure coefficients for cone-cylinder model. $\delta_N = 30^{\circ}$; d/D = 1.0; $R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10^{\circ}$.





(b) M = 1.00 to M = 1.20.

Figure 5.- Concluded.

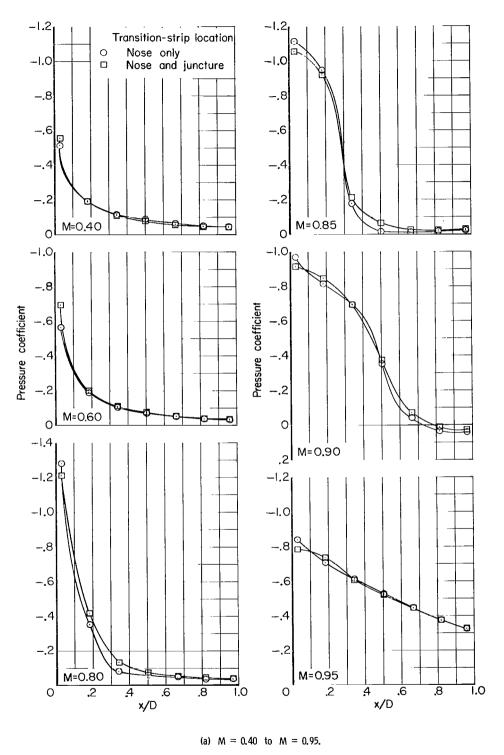
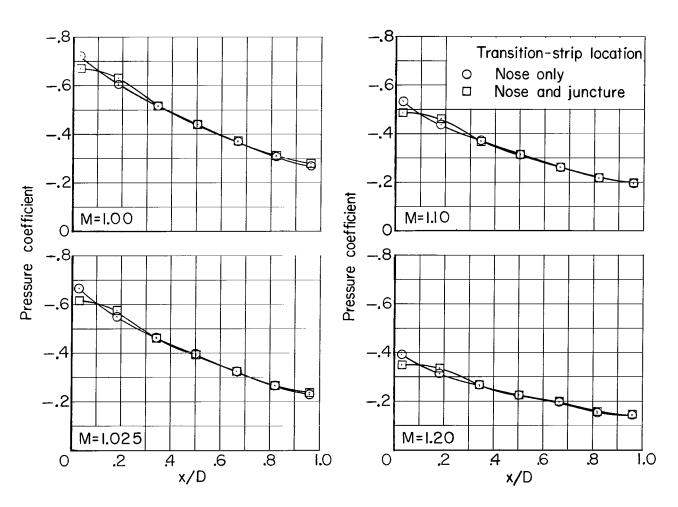


Figure 6.- Effect of transition-strip arrangement on surface pressure coefficients for cone-cylinder model. $\delta_N = 15^0$; d/D = 1.0; $R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10^6$.

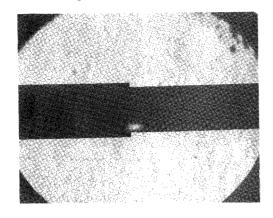


(b) M = 1.00 to M = 1.20.

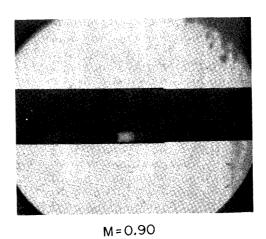
Figure 6.- Concluded.

Configuration II2;d/D = 0.832

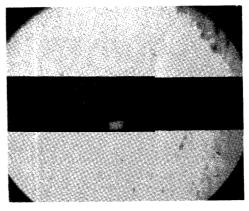
Configuration 114;d/D=0.952



M=0.80



M=0.90



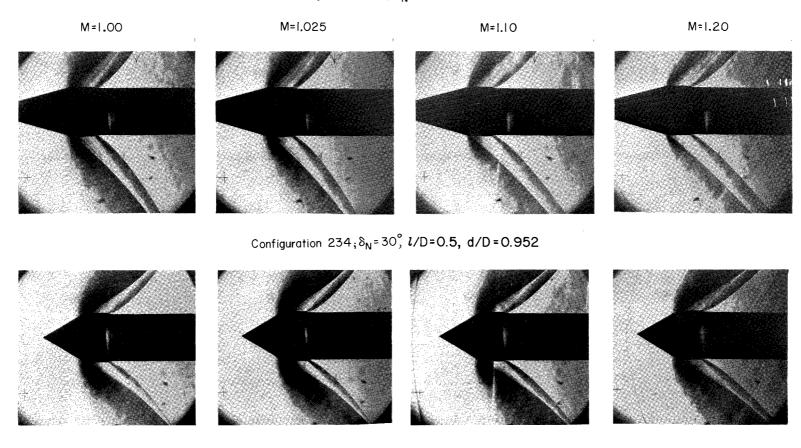
M=0.95

(a) Configurations 112 and 114, M=0.80 to 0.95.

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Figure 7.- Schlieren photographs.

Configuration 134; $\delta_N = 15^{\circ}$, l/D = 0.5, d/D = 0.952

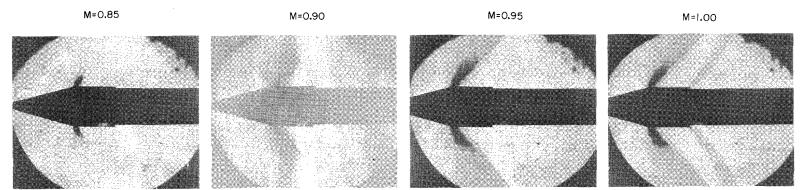


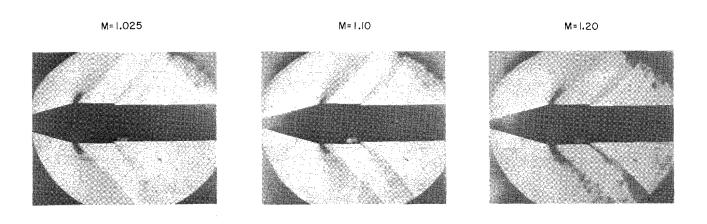
(d) Configurations 134 and 234; M = 1.00 to 1.20.

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Figure 7.- Continued.

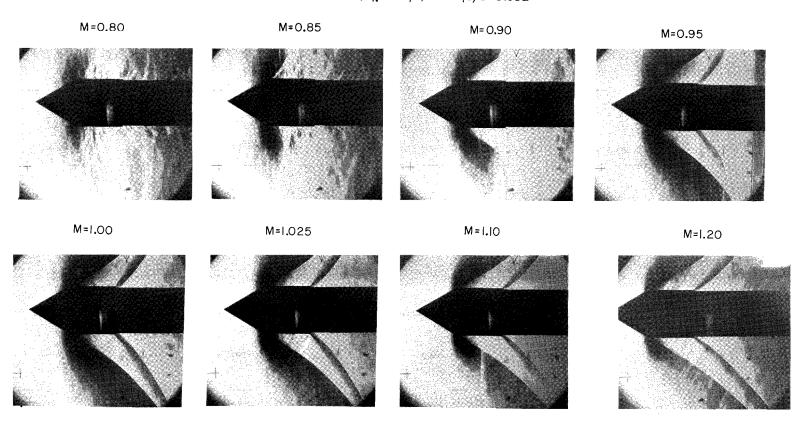
Configuration 123; $\delta_N = 15^\circ$, l/D = 1.0, d/D = 0.910





(e) Configuration 123; M = 0.85 to 1.20. Figure 7.- Continued.

Configuration 224 ; $\delta_{\rm N}$ = 30°, l/D=1.0,d/D=0.952



(f) Configuration 224; M = 0.80 to 1.20.

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Figure 7.- Concluded.

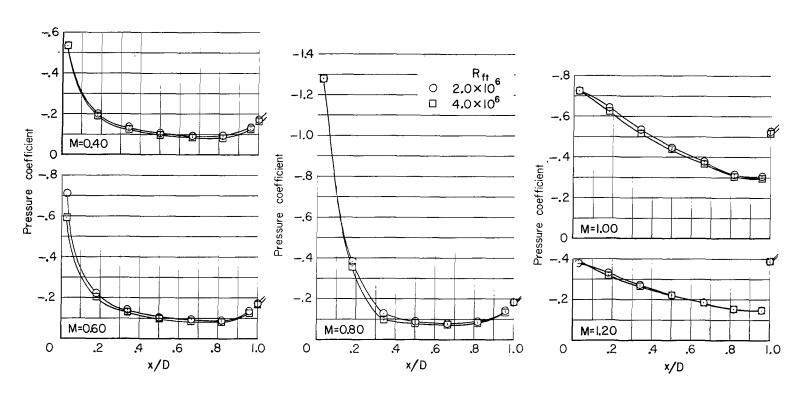


Figure 8.- Effect of Reynolds number on surface and average step base pressure coefficients for cone-cylinder model. $\delta_N = 15^{\circ}$; d/D = 0.952; t/D = 1.0. Flagged symbols represent average step base pressure coefficients.

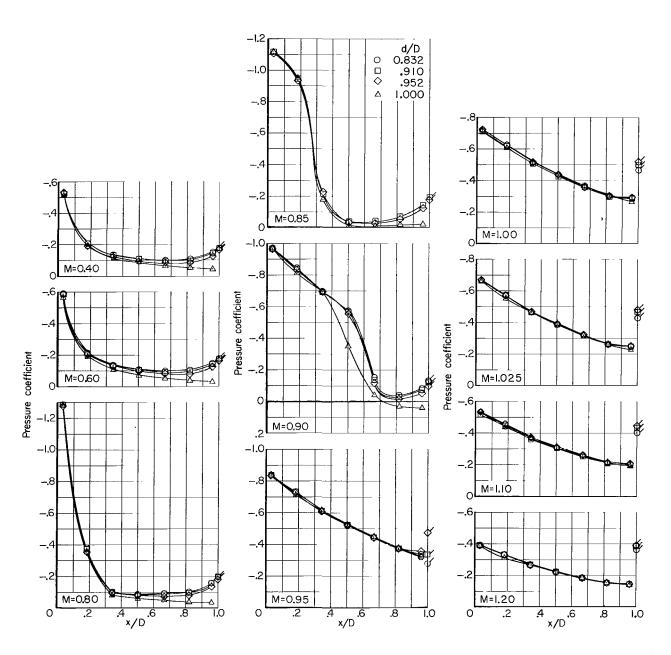


Figure 9.- Effect of step height on surface and average step base pressure coefficients for cone-cylinder model. $\delta_N = 15^0$; I/D = 1.0; $R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10^6$. Flagged symbols represent average step base pressure coefficients.

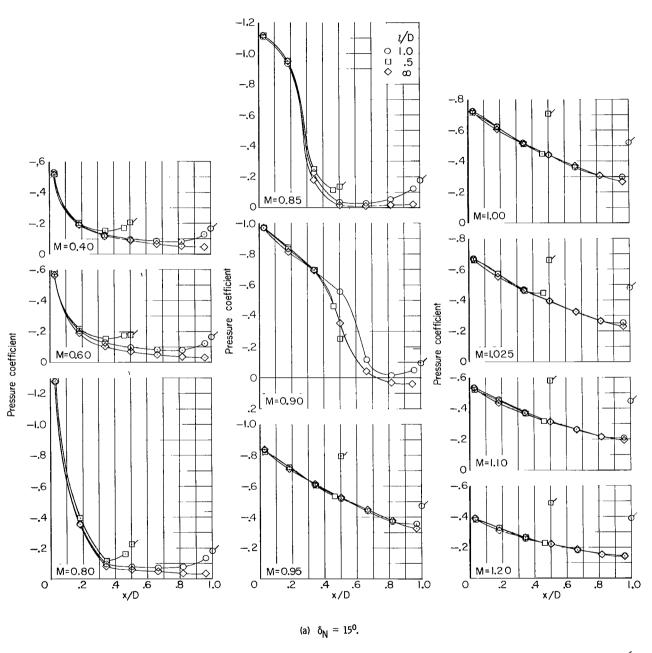


Figure 10.- Effect of step location on surface and average step base pressure coefficients for cone-cylinder model. d/D = 0.952; $R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10^6$. Flagged symbols represent average step base pressure coefficients.

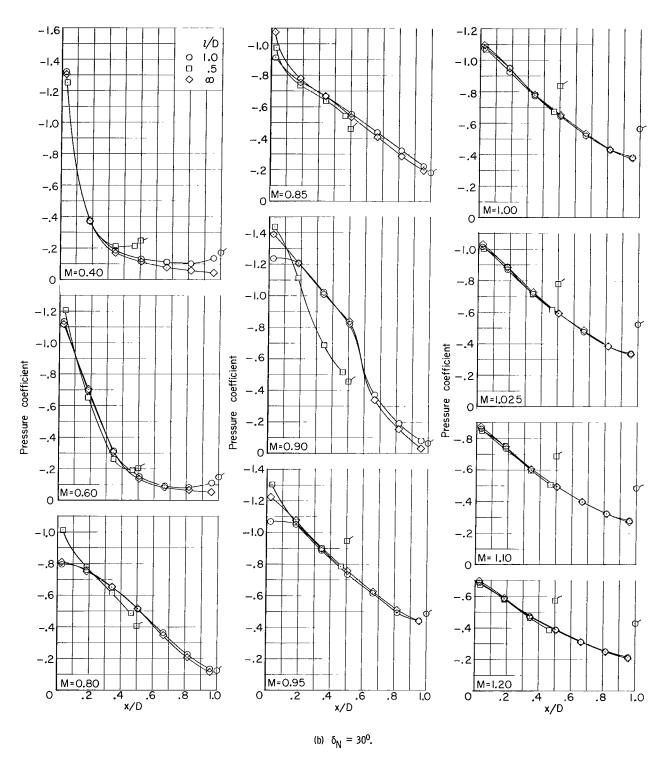


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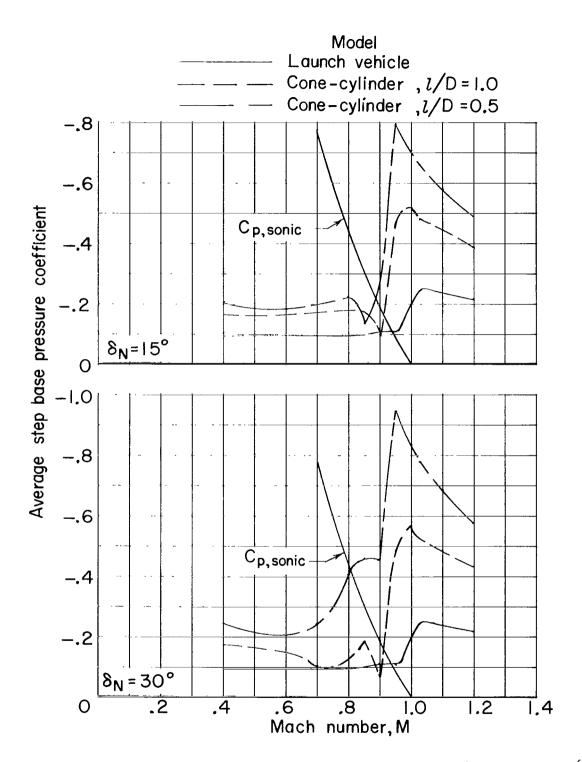


Figure II.- Variation with Mach number of average step base pressure coefficients for several configurations. d/D = 0.952; $R_{ft} = 4.0 \times 10^6$.

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